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To whom it may concern,

I hope you have been receiving a lot of informational email regarding the DOJ vs. Microsoft case. This is an important case, and I am very disappointed in the proposed settlement, as are most of my colleagues. I have worked in the IT industry for 9 years, and have seen first-hand the negative effects of Microsoft's predatory pricing and marketing tactics. I think it is important to remember that Microsoft has been found guilty of violation of antitrust laws, and should pay a steep price, a much steeper price than is proposed.

I suggest you read the following articles/opinions, in which the flaws of this settlement are discussed. The list is by no means complete, just a small sampling from various IT sites. It has actually been rather startling how the IT industry as a whole condemns this settlement; the question of litigation years ago was much more contentious. Of course, it has become clearer through the years that Microsoft has broken the law.

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